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TURK/TURK CYPRIOT PLAN FOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

REF: A. NICOSIA 2258; B. NICOSIA 2259

1. SUMMARY: AUGUST 31 GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS PICKED UP FROM ATHENS PRESS ALLEGED VERBATIM TEXT PROPOSALS BY TURK/TURK CYPRIOTS FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AS PRINTED HERE, PROPOSALS ENVISAGE VERY WEAK FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITH MINIMAL POWERS IN CONTRAST TO STRONG POWERS OF SEPARATE COMMUNAL ADMINISTRATIONS. IF SUCH PROPOSALS FORMALLY TABLED IN FUTURE CAN BE EXPECTED GREED CYPRIOTS WILL REJECT THEM AS THEY REJECTED JULY 18 TURK CYPRIOT PROPOSALS FOR TRANSITIONAL JOINT GOVERNMENT (NICOSIA 2259). END SUMMARY.

2. GREEK CYPRIOT PAPER AUGUST 31 PICKED UP ATHENS AVGHI REPORT QUOTING PROPOSALS ON CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SUBMITTED JULY 21 BY TURKISH CYPRIOT MEMBERS AND TURKISH ADVISER OF
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COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS SET UP AS RESULT FIRST VIENNA INTER-

COMMUNAL TALKS HELD IN APRIL. DOCUMENT WAS REPORTED BEAR SIGNATURES ORHAN ALDIKACTI (TURK CONSTITUTIONAL ADVISER) AND UMIT SULEIMAN AND ZAIM NECATI (TURKISH CYPRIOT MEMBERS OF EXPERTS COMMITTEE).

3. PROPOSALS START OUT BY SAYING AT PRESENT THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE AND DISTINCT ADMINISTRATIONS IN CYPRUS; QUESTION, THEREFORE, IS "WHICH POWERS AND JURISDICTIONS THE ALREADY EXISTING CLEARLY SEPARATE ADMINISTRATIONS...SHOULD TRANSFER TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT." PROPOSALS THEN GO TO DEFINE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POWERS ON BASIS "CO-SOVEREIGNTY", THAT IS PRINCIPLE THAT GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATIONS (OR "STATES") WILL BE CONSIDERED EQUAL, "INDEPENDENT OF SIZE OF THEIR GEOGRAPHIC AREAS AND PROPORTION OF POPULATION..."

4. PROPOSALS THEN OUTLINE FOLLOWING AREAS IN WHICH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE CERTAIN POWERS:
A. FOREIGN POLICY; B. DEFENSE (EXCLUDING INTERNAL SECURITY);
C. ECONOMY AND FEDERAL BUDGET; D. FEDERAL COURTS. EACH OF THESE FEDERAL POWERS LIMITED IN FOLLOWING MANNER:
A. FOREIGN POLICY: GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATIONS MAY MAKE AGREEMENTS WITH GREECE AND TURKEY, RESPECTIVELY; SENIOR POSITIONS IN FONMIN (E.G. DIRECTORS AND CHIEFS MISSION) MUST BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN TWO COMMUNITIES).
B. DEFENSE: DEFENSE FORCES OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO BE COMPOSED EQUALLY OF GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS; UNITS COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF GREEK OR TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO BE STATIONED IN AREAS UNDER GREEK OR TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATIONS, RESPECTIVELY; TRIPARTITE (I.E., MAINLAND GREECE AND TURKEY AND FEDERAL CYPRUS GOVERNMENT) HEADQUARTERS TO BE RECONSTITUTED; DEFENSE FORCES NOT BE BE LARGE IN NUMER.
C. ECONOMY AND FEDERAL BUDGET: FEDERAL BANKING SYSTEM, STOCK EXCHANGE, MONETARY POLICY (NOT FURTHER DEFINED) TO BE INCLUDED IN FEDERAL POWERS; FEDERAL BUDGET TO BE FINANCED THROUGH "INCOME DERIVED FROM GRANTING OF SERVICES BY ITS OR BY ANY ORGANS ASSISTANCE OFFERED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM ABROAD"; DEFICITS TO BE MET THROUGH "FEDERAL TAXATION OR OTHER REVENUE, AGREED BY" GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATIONS; TWO ADMINISTRATIONS TO HAVE OWN
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BUDGETS AND RIGHT OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ABROAD.
D. FEDERAL COURTS: WILL BE FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL COURT TO INTERPRET FEDERAL CONSTITUTION; FEDERAL COURTS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBJECTS INCLUDED IN FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

5. THESE PROPOSALS, WHEN PUBLISHED HERE, NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY SINCE OUTLINED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SO WEAK. TO DATE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER REPORTING

HERE.

6. COMMENT: IF GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT NEGOTIATORS REACH
POINT OF DISCUSSION OF POWERS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, CAN BE
EXPECTED THESE PROPOSALS WILL PROVIDE AT LEAST OPENING
TURK CYPRIOT POSITION. CAN ALSO BE EXPECTED GREEK CYPRIOTS
WILL REJECT SUCH PROPOSALS AS THEY IMMEDIATELY REJECTED
SIMILAR PROPOSALS FOR TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT (SEPTELS).
END COMMENT.
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